

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Restriction Requirement dated December 16, 2005, Claims 1-41 are pending in the application.

The Examiner groups the claims into three groups consisting of Group I, Claims 34-41; Group II, Claims 1-23; and Group III, Claims 24-33.

Applicant hereby elects Claims 1-23, without traverse.

The Examiner also states that there are distinct species: Species A corresponding to Figure 3, Species B corresponding to Figures 4 and 5, Species C corresponding to Figure 6, and Species D corresponding to Figure 9. Applicants respectfully submit that Figure 3 is a high level control view of the invention and Figure 4 is a block diagrammatic view of the vehicle which includes a trailer. Figure 5 is merely directed to a trailer.

Figure 6 is directed to a suspension and Figure 9 is directed to a vehicle having multiple motors. The sub-species corresponding to Group II is generally found in both Figures 3 and 4. That is, there is not much distinction between Figures 3 and 4 except for the level within the vehicle. Therefore, Applicants submit that these are not separate sub-species. Figures 10, 15, 19, 21, and 23 are each referred to as sub-species. These sub-species refer to different aspects of the invention claimed in other related applications. Group II is generally related to the present application because it describes determining a steering wheel torque in step 211 and controlling or applying brake-steer. Figures 15, 19, 21, and 22 relate to different inventions that are not claimed in the present application.

Therefore, Applicants elect Claims 1-23 in Group II and respectfully submit that no sub-species are found within those claims.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants submit that all objections are now overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney. Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to Deposit Account 06-1510.

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